

SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING USER  
IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION OVER A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A network includes a service selection gateway that receives information from a network user having a network locator address in order to establish a communications session and an identity of the network user. A client service gateway can receive a request from the network user upon establishment of the communications session. In response to the request, the client service gateway determines if there is an association in a local memory for the network locator address and an identity of the network user, obtains additional information associated with the network user, and processes the request according to the additional information. If an association is not stored in the local memory, the client service gateway sends a query for the identity of the network user to the service selection gateway.

